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Retail trade was successful in September

Retail trade – September 2015

In September 2015, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment increased by 1.7% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 6.3%, year-on-year, non-adjusted by 5.1%. All main assortment types of stores recorded growth.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 1.7% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.3%, year-on-year; non-adjusted sales increased by 5.1% (there was one working day less in September 2015 than in September 2014). Non-adjusted sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 5.5%, y-o-y, for automotive fuel by 5.3%, and for food by 4.6%.

The increase of sales in retail trade was the most influenced by retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (+4.7%) and by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+17.2%). In specialized stores, sales increased for cultural and recreation goods (+10.3%), information and communication equipment (+10.2%), other household equipment (+6.1%), dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles (+4.9%), food (+3.0%), and clothing and footwear (+1.0%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 97.1%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel, information and communication equipment, food, and other household equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in stores with cultural and recreation goods, clothing and footwear, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications/news-releases>).

Seasonally adjusted sales for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45) increased by 4.1% at constant prices, m-o-m. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 14.5%, y-o-y. Non-adjusted sales increased by 11.0%, y-o-y, sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 12.1% and for repairs by 6.5%.

**For the entire third quarter of 2015**, **non-adjusted** sales in **retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47)** increased by 4.6% **at constant prices, y-o-y** (there were 2 working days less in the Q3 2015 compared to Q3 2014); for automotive fuel it was by 5.7%, for food by 4.5%, and for non-food goods by 4.4%. Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased by 8.2%; for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) it was by 8.6% and for repairs by 6.3%.

Notes:

*Data for September 2015 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2015 will be available in June 2016 at the latest.*

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*Related outputs: Fixed-base and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001 are available in time series (*[*http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/sales\_indices\_monthly retail\_trade\_hotels\_and\_restaurants\_time\_series*](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/sales_indices_monthly_retail_trade_hotels_and_restaurants_time_series)*).*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade, sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in retail trade, excl. automotive fuel (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Sales in retail trade (CZ-NACE 47) – international comparison